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The Soviet press marked the second anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination in an article by Valentin Zorin in Izvestiya November 20.

Zorin skeptically reviews the theories on Oswald's motives for the assassination and discusses various unexplained "secrets" of the case. In passing, he ridicules Congressman Gerald Ford's book "Portrait of an Assassin" for describing Oswald's motive as simply a desire to impress his wife and erase the epithet of "rabbit" (i.e. weak-kneed) he had earned in the Marine Corps. Zorin notes that the White House Secret Service has been increased to a thousand men, which shows how "terror is inherent in the very character of American political life."

Zorin makes the standard Soviet conclusion that the assassination has not been fully explained. He questions whether one man could plan the assassination of the President of the United States and carry it out alone, the implication being that powerful unknown organizations must have secretly been behind Oswald.

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